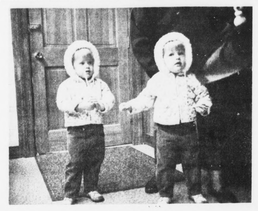

Welcome To Leslie & Suzette

Leslie and Suzette paid their first visit to the TIMES-VIRGINIAN the other day to claim their subscription to the paper as a part of the "Hi Neighbor" project supported by merchants and businessmen and sponsored by the Delta Zeta Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi. These two and one-half year old twins are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Ranson. Dad is an elec[illegible] technician with G. E. There's a six year old bro[illegible] at home, and the little girls were really [illegible] around and tasting those sugar straws [illegible] what they want old Santa to bring for [illegible] and all other newcomers to the com- [illegible] Christmassy welcome. Here's hoping that [illegible]e in historic Appomattox so much that it [illegible]one" for years and years.

Remember Firemen

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the firemen. Paul Drinkard is hoping to fill up a red stocking full of green bills to give the firemen their annual bonus! Each dollar will help the cause. Appomattox mayor and town council attend the banquet, but the biggest percentage of the "Christmas bonus" for each Christmas comes from grateful householders and others whose time the firemen have helped or others who hope that they will never HAVE to call the firemen to their homes or property because of fire. See Paul Drinkard. Give him a smile and your contribution. It will go a long way toward encouraging the men who go out in all kinds of weather to fight fire and protect property.

VEPCO Presents

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totals over $11,080,000 for 1969.

In addition, Vepco will make a payment of $2,390,000 on December 15, 1969, representing the fourth installment of its 1970 gross receipts tax estimated to be $10,819,000. Legislation passed by the General Assembly in 1968 provided for acceleration of payment of this tax. Vepco paid its 1969 gross receipts tax totaling $9,751,000 on June 1, 1969.

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Price Hikes Key Opening Leaf Sales

Farmville - Dec. 5

Two days of auctions on the Farmville Tobacco Market have produced a general average of $53.69 on 417,966 pounds of dark-fired leaf, an improvement of about $7 a hundredweight over last year's start.

Tuesday's opening day average on 244,030 pounds was $53.20 and Wednesday's average advanced at all three warehouses, the top house being $54.74.

The common grades are leading the thrust toward higher prices going $15 to $30 above government support pegs. Top grades are one to two dollars above, with the highest market bid so far being $76 for choice thin leaf of the Austrian tobacco type.

Pool Take

Farmville shared in the Virginia belt's advances for the 1969 start to record high price levels combined with a new low for government pool receipts of tobacco failing to bring any bids from the buyers. Only 1.7 per cent of the opening day offerings went under loan.

Improved quality of tobacco also characterized the first two days of auctions when compared to the 1969 crop. Both color and leaf texture were favorable for strong bidding . . . and more take-home for tobacco growers.

Farmville was full to its 225,000-pound daily limit, plus 10 per cent, on opening day, but was under that slightly on Wednesday. A gradual lowering of daily offerings is anticipated since farmers need a warm, rainy spell before much more tobacco can be handled on the farms for bringing to market.

Most Pleased

There was general pleasure evidenced about the 1969 auctions thus far. If prices hold at present levels, this could mean some long-awaited real farm profits for growers. They have contended for some years of high labor and materials costs that they must have improved prices to keep dark tobacco production healthy.

Opening week a year ago at Farmville brought sales of 816,782 pounds of dark-fired leaf with the general floor average for the market being $46.04. The new daily poundage restrictions will prevent a repeat of that much weight this year, but the average of a year ago will be exceeded considerably to the advantage of the growers.

Business Good In Commonwealth

Williamsburg—Despite a slowing trend nationally, economic barometers continued to depict good business conditions in Virginia for the month of October, according to the Bureau of Business Research at the College of William and Mary.

Two key economic indicators showed excellent increases for October over the same month a year ago. Bank debits – the checks cashed against demand deposits – were up 24.4 per cent and electricity consumed was up 9.1 per cent. Retail sales in both sales dollars and volume of goods moved were above the national average.

Other business indicators such as postal receipts and newspaper advertising lineage portrayed good October improvements. Non - agricultural employment, however, showed only a modest two per cent improvement over a year ago.

Only building permits and water consumed showed decreases in comparison with a year ago. The decrease in water consumed was attributed to the heavy fall rains. High interest rates and cost of construction contributed to the decrease in construction.

A few cities did show increases in building permits, despite the statewide trend. These were Lynchburg, Danville, Williamsburg, Cape Charles – Exmore, and Harrisonburg.

The Bureau noted that President Nixon's merchant ship building plans are an excellent sign for the Virginia business horizon. The plans, the Bureau said, are anticipated to be the largest since the early 1950's when U.S. ships carried 49 per cent of the America's ocean trade compared to a mere six per cent today.

Veterans Corner

Editor's Note: Below are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to some of the many current questions from former servicemen and their families. Further information on veterans benefits may be obtained at any VA office.

Q — I am attending business school under the G. I. Bill. Recently, I received a monthly attendance certificate card to fill out. I was under the impression that these cards were discontinued.

A — No. Monthly certification cards are still required from those veterans training in programs other than in college. The cards must be submitted promptly to avoid an interruption of allowance checks.

Q — How do I apply for an increase in my compensation?

A — A letter to the VA stating why you believe you should have an increase, accompanied by your doctor's report on his medical findings pertaining to your disability, will generally accomplish the desired consideration. Be certain to include your full name, address and file or "C" number if any communication to the VA.

Q — My brother has been in a VA hospital for three months. His last pension check was reduced to $50. Why? Can it be increased to the amount he received before entering the hospital?

A — Your brother's pension check from VA was reduced because of a law limiting pensions to this amount for veterans without dependents after two full calendar months of hospitalization at VA expense. His full pension will be restored upon his discharge from the VA hospital.

Question & Answer Column

This column of questions and answers on Federal tax matters is provided by the local office of the U. S. Internal Revenue Service and is published as a public service to taxpayers. The column answers questions most frequently asked by taxpayers.

Q — I have had a recent sharp rise in income. Is it too late to file an estimated return this year?

A — You have until January 15 to file a declaration of estimated tax if the change occurred after September 15. However, if you file your 1969 return and pay in full the balance due by February 2, 1970, you need not file the estimated declaration. To obtain a copy of Form 1040 – ES, Declaration of Estimated Tax, send a post card to District Director, Internal Revenue Service, 400 North 8th Street, Richmond, Va. 23240.

Q – Is a Christmas bonus taxable?

A — Yes, bonuses are taxable income and should be reported on your tax return. Employers are required to withhold income and Social Security taxes on bonuses as they do on other compensation paid employees.

Q – I've got a new maid who doesn't want me to take Social Security taxes out of her pay. What should I do?

A – Explain to your maid that unless these taxes are paid she will not receive credit towards future Social Security benefits. As her employer, you are legally responsible for the taxes required. Social Security taxes are paid, you may deduct your employee's share of the taxes from her pay.

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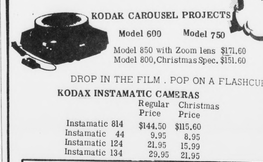

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Lawhorn

Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pompey Lawhorn, of Spout Spring, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday at the home of their son, Robert L. Lawhorn and Mrs. Lawhorn. Mr. Lawhorn is a retired automobile mechanic. Mr. and Mrs. Lawhorn, the former Mittie Johns, have made their home at Lynchburg and Spout Spring. They are parents of six children, 21 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. The honoree, 71, grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. The honoree and their families include Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Lawhorn, Rustburg; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hudson (Margaret), Green Bagley; Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Crenshaw (Anne), Stone Creek, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lawhorn, Madison Heights; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Lawhorn, Hawthorne, Fla. Following the afternoon open house included numerous friends and relatives. The refreshment table carried out a theme with a variety of dainty sandwiches, hors-d'oeuvres, and the anniversary cake set against a background of greens, with a corsage of gold chrysanthemums, and Mr. Lawhorn was presented with a boutonniere.

Presbyterians Invite Public To Cantata

A 16 voice choir will present a Christmas cantata, "Night of Miracles" at Appomattox Ct. House Presbyterian Church on Sunday, December 21 at 7:30 p. m.

The public is invited to hear the cantata and to enjoy a fellowship hour to follow.

Organist and accompanist for the program will be Mrs. J. D. Carnefix. Solos will be sung by Tommy Terry and Mrs. M. G. Stimpson with a trio: Misses Phyllis Thompson and Pam Thompson and Mrs. Jane Chandler. Others in the choir include sopranos: Mrs. D. E. Caldwell, Jr.; Mrs. H. B. Pack, Jr., Mrs. Lena Eversole and Misses Becky Harvey and Sally Harvey.

Altos include Mrs. C. G. O'Brien, Misses Sandra Gilbert and Debbie Caldwell. Men of the choir include Tommy Terry, Jimmy Chandler, Bill Hoonhins and the Rev. M. G. Stimpson.

Dairymen Fly To Conventions

Dairymen from this county have been on the move, attending conventions through fast jet travel.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hix, of Hixburg, have just returned from the National Milk Producers Federation convention, the 53rd for that organization, meeting in New Orleans, La.

They flew by jet from Lynchburg Saturday, Nov. 29 returning Thursday, December 4. John Hix is a director of the Norfolk Division of Dairymen, Inc.

Highlight of the trip, say the Hix's was the address of Secretary of Agriculture Harden speaking at the annual banquet attended by more than 1700 people. The Hix's also took a boat tour and visited historic and scenic areas in New Orleans.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hix, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Covington and Mr. and Mrs. Clark Lewis attended the Dairymen, Inc. convention in Louisville, Ky on Nov. 27-28. For them, also, it meant a trip by jet. A highlight of this convention, says Mrs. Hix was the appearance of Art Linkletter, who spoke at length about educating young people to the dangers of use of harmful drugs. Joe Garagiola, star of NBC's "Today" show was also a big hit with the conventioneers, she said.

Social Notes

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Wooldridge, Miss Lucy Buck Bentley, of Roanoke; Mrs. Hunter Jamerson of Spout Spring and Mrs. W. D. Brissentine of Prospect attended the wedding of Miss Patricia Ann Bently and Mr. Rufus Ellington, Jr. on Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Mick, of Chester, Va.

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Miss Bently is the sister of Miss Lucy Buck Bentley and the niece of Mrs. Wooldridge, Mrs. Jamerson and Mrs. Brissentine.

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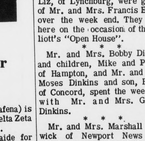
Mrs. R. H. Thornhill left Saturday for Newark, Delaware, where she will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Floyd Weidman.



Rafena George

New Member Of Sorority

Mrs. Jerry George (Rafena) is the newest member of Delta Zeta Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi.

She is a teacher's aide for first graders at Appomattox Elementary School. She grew up in Elmont, New York (Long Island) and attended Hofstra University, Hampstead, New York.

She combines many activities with homemaking and care of three daughters Linda 9; Gina 7 and Susan 5. Previously a secretary, she finds use for all the skills learned in various jobs as she has traveled with her husband. After a three year absence from Appomattox, the Georges are again in residence here and involved in church work at Memorial United Methodist. Week ends and other times as well, both Jerry and Rafena help with George's Auction Service, but husband Jerry's position during the week is in the manager training program Leggetts, Lynchburg.

Other Beta Sigma Phi members were a part of a ritual ceremony which officially placed Mrs. George in the membership.

Mrs. Robert Wooten (Dot) and Mrs. Randolph Smith (Sheila) completed the Ritual of Jewels and were given jeweled pins.

The Appomattox Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will meet Thursday evening December 18th at 7:30 in the home of Mrs. H. Y. Spencer. This will be a Christmas Party with members exchanging gifts.

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Cadet Kenneth Coleman, of Virginia Military Institute, will arrive home on Monday where he will spend the Christmas Holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Coleman.

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Mrs. Lucille Blanks of Richmond, will spend several days next week with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hudson.

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Cadet Thomas Lawson, of V. M. I., will arrive home on Tuesday to spend the Christmas Holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lawson.

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Mrs. Vergil Hudson, Rev. W. H. Elder, Dr. T. D. Lea, were among those from the Appomattox Baptist Association attending the Shaping the 70's Conference held at Eagle Eyrie Friday and Saturday of last week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Archie Gardner, of Covington, and Mr. and Mrs. Kent Evans and daughter, Mary Liz, of Lynchburg, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Elliott over the week end. They were here on the occasion of the Elliott's "Open House".

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Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Dinkins and children, Mike and Pattie, of of Hampton, and Mr. and Mrs. Moses Dinkins and son, Brian, of Concord, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Dinkins.

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Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Warwick of Newport News spent Thanksgiving week with the Clifford Plunketts.

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Mrs. Taylor Matthews is confined to her home with a sprained ankle.

Decoration Contest Offers Ribbons

The Appomattox Garden Club will sponsor the annual judging of Christmas home decorations on Monday, Dec. 22. All homes in the community are eligible to be included in the judging, however we would appreciate phone calls telling us if you wish to include your home. The three general catagories are doors, windows, and overall home Christmas decorations. In each catagory a blue, red, and yellow ribbon will be awarded for both traditional and modern designs. We request that winners please leave ribbons on their doors in order that the community may see who the winners are before the decorations have been removed.

As you decorate for Christmas consider the following as judging will be based on this scale:

Door decorations and window decorations:	
Design	30
Originality	30
Consideration of architetual features	20
Condition	10
Durability	10
Overall Home Decorations:	
Artistic effect	50
Christmas spirit	20
Ingenuity	15
Compatibility with surroundings	15

Out of town judges have been secured who are accredited garden club judges. Judging will be done from the street.

Call one of the following garden club members to include your house in the Christmas judging. If you reside out of the town of Appomattox your home will not be included in the judging unless a garden club member is contacted: Mrs. Merle Lawson, 352-5655; Mrs. W. W. Blythe, 352-7406; Mrs. Alfred Eastman, 352-8891.

Mr. and Mrs. Moses Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Smith motored to Nashville on the week end of Thanksgiving. While there they visited the Country Music Hall of Fame and toured the homes of Country Music Stars. Saturday night they attended the Grand Ole Opry.

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Miss Nola Burkey and Mrs. Mildred Burkey have returned after a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Gene Paulette and son in Urbanna.

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Guests Win Gifts

Six guests at Elliott's "Open House" won Christmas surprises Sunday. L. A. Young was presented with a poinsettia. Mrs. W. A. Trent, of Red House, won a Christmas tree candle. A box of Hallmark stationery will go to Elaine Stubblefield, Ellen Doss will have a Hallmark Christmas tree, Mrs. W. W. Burke, there's a box of Christmas cards and for Ann Childress, a package of Christmas wrapping paper.

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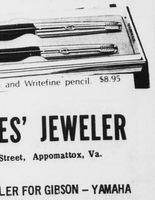

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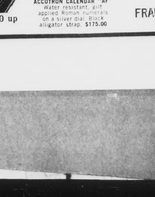

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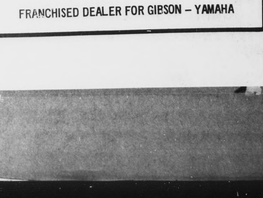

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